projects of Maharashtra pending environment clearance as on 1st December, 1993;

(b) by when they are likely to be cleared; and

(c) what are the reasons for this inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) As on 1st December, 1993 while no irrigation project from the State of Maharashtra was pending with the Central Government for environmental clearance, 13 irrigation projects were pending with the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Since then, out of above, decision in respect of six projects has been taken. Details of balance projects pending with the Central Government are given in the statement enclosed (See below).

The projects can be assessed and processed only after receipt of complete data and plans from the State Government/Regional Office.

Statement

Projects Pending under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

Sl. No.	Name of the proposal	Present status
1	Upper Penganga Project, Nanded	Environmental clearance is required for processing but proposal for the same has not been received.
2.	Utawali Irrigation Project, Buldhana	Site inspection report awaited.
3.	Palandur M.I. Tank, Bhandara	Site inspection report awaited.
4.	Chargarh M.I. Tank, Amravati	Site inspection report awaited.
5.	Pandhori Nalla Irrigation Project	Site inspection report awaited.
6.	Nagya Sakia Project	Proposal under examination.
7.	NMI at Bhandara	Under process

Arunavati Irrigation Project Maharashtra

1613. DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state!

(a) whether it is a fact that Environmental clearance has been given to the Arunavati Irrigation Project in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, when and if not what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what is the cause of the inordinate delay in giving clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Arunavati Irrigation Project in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra has been

accorded environmental clearance in December, 1993. There has not been any inordinate delay in giving clearance.

Nandankaran Biological Park

1614. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI' MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nandankaran, the country's only biological park located in a forest, is threatened by atmospheric and noise pollution due to the growth of the city of Bhubaneshwar towards the park; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to preserve the verdant surroundings of Nandankaran and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The biological park is not under any recognisable threat due to atmospheric and noise pollution caused by the growth of Bhubaneshwar city. The biological park is adequately covered by vegetation and forest which acts as an effective buffer against atmospheric and noise pollution. Appropriate measures including patrolling have been taken by the authorities to ensure the protection of vegetative buffer.

Sanjay Gandhi National Park

1615. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sanjay Gandhi National Park Boriveli in Bombay is incorporated in the National Park under the Purview of Government;

(b) whether Government have received reports of panther menace in this area, if so the total number of persons killed/ injured by the panthers during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have paid any compensation to the affected people; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): The Census of human injury/death caused due to accidental attacks of panthers and the compensation paid by the Goverrnment of Maharashtra during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Cases of human death	Cases of human injury	Compensation paid
			Rs.
1990-91	1	7	6,800.00
1991-92	---	3	900.00
1992-93	3	7	47,550.00

Tiger Reserves in India

1616. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas of Tiger Reserves in India; and

(b) the estimated Tiger Population in Tiger Reserves based on census conducted during the last 20 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). A Statement indicating the names of the Tiger Reserves and the estimated population of tigers therein during the years 1972, 1979, 1984, 1989 is enclosed.